Joint Meeting Public Safety Facilities Task Force

Municipal Facilities Committee Executive Session Minutes - Amended April 11, 2022 9:00 am **Zoom Remote Access**

Members in attendance: Christine Lear, Bill Risso, Lee Storrs, Ingo Szegvari

Members not in attendance: Jerry Lerman

Others in attendance: Police Chief John Fisher, Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows,

Entered Executive Session at 9:03 Ι.

- II. Discussion about potential police station sites (privately & state owned). This discussion was to explore optimal sites, not owned by the town, in addition to the public sites that are possibilities for a public safety building.
 - Appreciating that the location of public safety services are best in the center of town, as they are now, the conversation reviewed several ideal locations in the center of town that are currently private residences that are not up for sale.
 - The residence adjacent to the police station (55 Lowell Street) would be considered as it would allow for an expanded footprint for the police station. The police station is somewhat limited by the plot on which it sits. Another residence (65 Lowell Street), two doors down from the police station (as you travel toward the Transfer Station) backs up to the back of the police station site. This would be another way for the police station to have a larger footprint.
 - If the fire station needs to be relocated, another location in the center of town would need to be identified. A property on Lowell Street (175 Lowell Street) was suggested as the location is good and the size of the three lots, all owned by one family.
 - The State owns a piece of property across from Great Book Farm. This is probably too far from the center of town to be a permanent site for a public safety building, but it could be a temporary site for the Fire Department if the decision is made to renovate the current building.
 - Each of these properties offers advantages and challenges to a potential public safety building recommendation. The task force seeks to explore all options before making a recommendation to the Select Board.
- III. Lee Storrs made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session for the remainder of the meeting at 9:27 AM, Ingo Szegvari seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor: Lear aye, Szegvari aye, Storrs aye, Risso aye.

PSTFT Documents area available through the town website or at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/ 1kgTJDWtzyoV6BejpL8H8424J2QZd3aHj

Submitted by Bill Risso and Christine Lear Approved: October 4, 2022